

Common Council of the City of Brazil
Brazil City Parks and Recreation Board
March 18, 2008

A joint meeting of the Common Council of the City of Brazil and the Brazil Parks and Recreation Board was held Tuesday, March 18, 2008 at 6:00 P.M. in the Council Chambers at Brazil City Hall. The purpose of the joint meeting was so that the entire Park Board could be present to hear discussion on the financial situation of the city and possible solutions.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Ann Bradshaw who then introduced Dan Hedden , CPA Principal for Umbaugh and Associates of Indianapolis. Mr. Hedden presented data that he had prepared explaining the financial state of the city showing the city to have a negative balance of \$841,699. He also presented information that will be available monthly to each city department which should enable them to work within their budget and prevent any further deficits for the city. Suggestions were given for steps that the city could take to reduce the deficit. Park Board members asked many questions about their budget and corrected errors in the information that was included in the report.

The Common Council addressed other issues that were relevant only to them and then adjourned their portion of the meeting. The Parks Board continued their meeting to discuss park issues that needed to be addressed before the next meeting. Mayor Bradshaw was present for this meeting.

Ruthann Jeffries recommended that Madason Stevenson be hired for the position of Forest Park Pool Manager for the 2008 summer season. Linda Messmer moved to accept this recommendation. Brad Deal seconded the motion and it was passed 4-0.

Superintendent Bill Houck made the suggestion that security in the parks be increased during spring break. The Board informed Mr. Houck to use the security patrol at his discretion.


A lengthy discussion was held about the overcharge for fuel that was paid from the park budget. The Board agreed that the information that it was given was not accurate and the calculation system for fuel amounts could not be understood. The City Clerk informed President McCullough that the problem was taken care of but we would not receive any reimbursement for the overcharge. To insure that this will not happen again, Mr. Houck will keep a daily log of miles traveled and will get receipts each time he gets fuel from the city garage. We will check those against what the city is paying for fuel. These steps are being taken to assure the Board that we are only paying for the fuel that the parks are using and not for some other department.

Superintendent Houck will contact Rose Hulman to see if they have resources available to help him assemble and install new playground equipment. Special tools and precise measurements are necessary to make this equipment function properly.

City Clerk Karen McQueen has given Park Board Treasurer Linda Messmer a bank book for the Park Board's Non-Reverting Fund monies. A new account was opened at Riddell Bank to remove this money from the City's general fund.

The Park Board meeting was adjourned at 8:10 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Ruthann Jeffries".

Ruthann Jeffries for Brad Deal